VICTORY FLASHES

from MUHLENBERG

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Dear Muhlenberger:

If your favorite newspaper has been letting you down, you can keep up to date by jotting down four more victories for your favorite basketball team--that classy outfit that for the third consecutive year is keeping Muhlenberg in the headlines on the sports pages. Last night we chalked up our 10th win in 11 starts when we scored 50 points against the University of Pennsylvania's 47 in as hot a game as we expect to see in a long time. The other wins since we wrote to you the last time were over the always good Long Island University, 46 to 35; over hotter than usual Lafayette, 59 to 48; and over generally good but outclassed Bucknell, 59 to 48.

The ink is just about dry on the sports pages in which the Associated Press rates Muhlenberg as Number One among the ten top teams in the State. Behind the Mules, in this order, come Pittsburgh, Temple. Gettysburg, Westminster, Lafayette, Elizabethtown, Juniata, St. Joseph's, and Penn State. Gettysburg has swept its first seven games, but the AP points out that it meets its first major test Saturday at Lafayette.

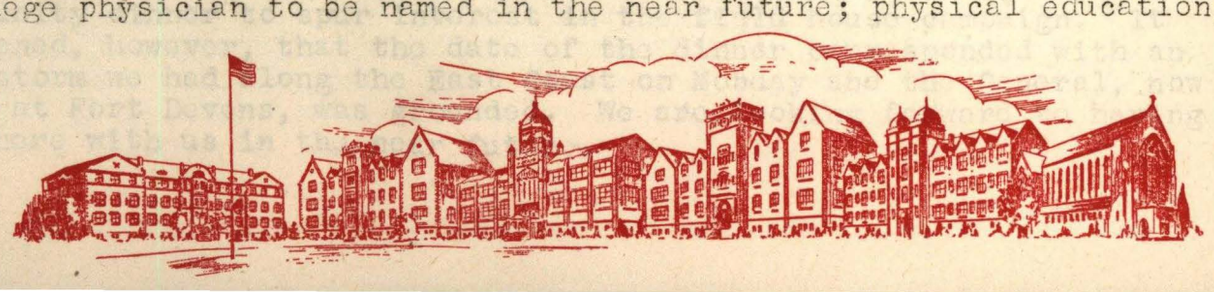
We know you'll be in there cheering for the Mules, no matter where you are when you are waiting for the results. But just in case you can get back here, drop around for any of the games and we'll do our best to find you the necessary ducats even though we are hanging the boys on the rafters down at Rockne Hall. The schedule for the next two weeks, as we pass the half-way mark, is something like this:

Friday, Jan. 25	Lehigh	Bethlehem
Saturday, Jan. 26	F. and M.	Allentown
Wednesday, Jan. 30	Lehigh	Allentown
Saturday, Feb. 2	Bucknell	Lewisburg
Wednesday, Feb. 6	Gettysburg	Gettysburg
Saturday, Feb. 9	Valparaiso	Allentown

After that we go on for two more Wednesdays and Saturdays and the Navy game on February 15 until we meet St. Francis in Madison Garden on February 25 to close the official season.

But there's more than basketball in the headlines these days. For example, a brand new Department of Physical Education has been organized at Muhlenberg and it snaps into action on March 1 when the new semester begins. Meanwhile, believe it or not, the boys aren't worrying about cuts in PE because all classes have been cancelled. The new department is being headed by Coach Floyd Schwartzwalder, named acting director and given faculty position with the rank of full professor. Assistant professors under him are Lieutenant Commander Frank Lough, assistant football coach and head baseball coach; and Lieutenant Clyde Barbor of the Army Air Forces, who joins the staff March 1 and will be an assistant football coach and head basketball coach. Bill Ritter has been granted a sabbatical leave, beginning March 1, to take graduate work in physical education.

Coordinated in the new department will be student health, under a college physician to be named in the near future; physical education,



and inter-collegiate athletics. Gurney Afflerbach, director of inter-collegiate athletics, will be in full charge of that division, responsible directly to the Athletic Committee of the Board of Trustees, through President Tyson.

Incidentally, physical education now will be required three hours a week. Two periods will be devoted to games and sports and one to physical achievement tests, corrective classes, etc.

The whole program is looking toward the establishment of courses leading to the bachelor of science degree in education for those contemplating entering that branch of the teaching profession. It is anticipated that the course will be added to the curriculum as soon as the new Field House is completed.

And that brings up another point. The Field House campaign begins next Thursday in the Allentown area--and already there is $80,000 or more in the bank. Judging from a big meeting we attended the other night, Allentown is 100 per cent behind the $500,000 campaign and from letters we are getting the Alumni are raring to go. There will be separate campaigns for alumni outside of the Allentown area. Approximately seventeen centers are being established and we hope most of you will be around when we head down your way. It is the kind of project that merits the support of every Muhlenberg man because it will mean that everyone of us can be just a bit more proud of Muhlenberg than ever before. No kidding, this Field House is in the books to be the finest on any small college campus in America and better than many of the big boys have. Walt Reisner '15 and Bill Hudders '26 are co-chairmen of the Alumni campaign and are keeping this office stepping.

Before we tell you about some of the boys who have been dropping in, we think you'll be interested in knowing that the one and only Bud Moran--LT.(jg) CHARLES J. MORAN JR. '43 has caught or been caught. He was married last Saturday to Nancy Byrd Bertram (cute as punch) a WAVE yeoman third class who hails from Glasgow, Kentucky but who has been stationed at Bainbridge. That's where Bud got to know her. Another wedding you should know about is that of MILTON A NAGLE '46, veteran of the European campaign, who is now back on the Muhlenberg campus. He was married January 12 in Grace E.C. church in Allentown.

We ran into one of those peculiar coincidences the other night when we pinned down MAJOR FREDERICK R. BAUSCH '31 and CAPTAIN RICHARD D. BAUSCH '38, sons of Dr. Frederick R. Bausch '00, and both discharged from the Army Medical Corps at Indiantown Gap on the same day. Fred, who went overseas in April 1944, left for home on Christmas Day, and Dick, whose overseas service dates from August 1944, started for home on New Year's Eve. They arrived in New York Harbor the same day, met a few hours later at Camp Kilmer, and went to Indiantown Gap together. Both of them ultimately expect to follow their father's footsteps practicing medicine in Allentown.

The newspapers also are responsible for the tip that JOE PETRO '42 former Muhlenberg tackle who was in the Navy's PT program during the war, has been named football coach and director of athletics at St. Joseph's Prep School in Philadelphia. In addition to coaching, he will teach physical education classes and direct the varsity swimming team. LT.COL. LEO EDDINGER '40, who has reopened his medical offices in Allentown after more than four years of Army service, has been appointed an instructor in the School of Nursing at the Sacred Heart Hospital--a position in which he succeeds another Muhlenberg alumnus, Dr. H. Edwin Eisenhard '22.

We expected to see BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE SMYTHE '23, Muhlenberg and West Point star who was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at a community dinner to spur interest in the field house campaign. It happened, however, that the date of the dinner corresponded with an ice storm we had along the East Coast on Monday and the General, now on duty at Fort Devens, was grounded. We are looking forward to having him here with us in the near future.

This has really been a week for meeting up with Muhlenberg men who seem to be dropping in every time we look up from the desk. Even away from the desk we meet them--as we did at the Americus the other night when we bumped into JOHNNY UMLAUF '40 and a cute little number in green. Johnny severed active relationships with the Navy on January 15 and in the near future will be in the advertising game in New York City. Meanwhile, his home address is Ashland.

LT.(jg) BOB HALDEMAN '44 looks just as fit as ever after his 16 months aboard the attack transport, USS OCONTO in the Pacific. He participated in the Lingayan Gulf party, the attack on Mindoro, and the invasion of Okinawa, serving as a boat officer in the three engagements. Since the war ended he kept busy taking troops into Japan and China. Among the boys he met overseas were ART HILL '43 (still on Guam), JIM WETHERHOLD '43, FRANK JAKOBOWSKY '43 (now in China), CALVIN LOEW '43, and JOHN METZGER '42--the latter, of all places for a Muhlenberg man, "in a bar in Samar". We hope CLARENCE BERNHARD '30, also a civilian again, sees that and uses it as the title for a new hit tune.

When the new term opens around here on March 1, LT. BOB MACDONOUGH '44, late of the Army Air Forces, will be among the boys we'll see around regularly. He came back to the States on November 19 and was discharged January 18. All of his duty was in the China-India-Burma theatre where he flew 44 combat missions as pilot of a B-24 and scores of supply trips over the hump. For all of that he gathered himself four combat stars, the Air Medal with a cluster, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Another pilot, LT. BILL KUZMIAK '42 of the Navy flew in last Saturday with the news that he expects to be out of service about February 1. He already has some 1100 hours of flying time to his credit, a good bit of it on top-secret assignments.

We hit two birds with one stone the other day when T/3 AL ZUZZIO '44 checked in. A medical technician, Al spent more than two years overseas and came home January 3 to be discharged January 7. For the time being he'll be back home in Belleville, N.J. His big brother, SGT. TONY '40, was discharged January 3 and expects to make his home in the vicinity of Parsons, Oklahoma. Tony was a PT instructor with the Third Air Force at Coffeeville, Kansas.

While we were talking about MacDonough a few paragraphs ago we should have connected him with CAPT. BOB RUHF '41 who is running around in civvies after more than two years in India. Bob was a weather officer with the 10th Weather Squadron of the Air Service Command. In the near future he is planning to resume his graduate work in chemistry. We told you about his engagement in the last letter. Another of the returning medicos, MAJOR HARRY B. UNDERWOOD '34, has opened offices in Easton and is doing quite a bit of cutting up at the Easton hospital. Harry, who went overseas in November 1944 as regimental surgeon to the 273rd Infantry, won the Bronze Star for meritorious service through campaigns in France, Belgium, and Germany.

S/SGT. CARL RASSLER '43, who spent all but five of his thirty-four Army months in Panama, was out to see Haps the other day. That means he'll be back in college March 1 clearing up those last few credits he needs for his degree. You may recall our telling you before that he married Rose S. Gaupp, formerly of Clearfield. CAPT. DONALD FRY '37, who was in charge of the postal section of the 6th Infantry and who saw overseas service in Hawaii, New Guinea, Luzon, and Korea, came back to the States on November 28 and now is on terminal leave. He had nearly thirty months of overseas duty. For his meritorious service, he is entitled to wear the Bronze Star.

Two former Navy men who have been in lately were LT.(jg) PAUL ARNER '43 and PhM3/c GEORGE NITTOLO '44. Paul had 23 months in the Pacific and won his stars in the invasions of the Marshalls, Guam, New Brittain, Pelelieu, Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. He served aboard the USS ALMACK for the first six invasions and on the USS CAMBRIA for the last. On December 11 he was given his well-earned discharge. Nittolo, who was discharged January 5, had one of those unusual military careers.

He entered the Army in September 1943 and after a year in the ASTP program at Penn Dental School, was given his discharge because the training program was discontinued. In October 1944 he enlisted in the Navy and served as a pharmacist mate at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and at Sampson.

For a long time we have been trying to get a line on LT. ROBERT SEITZINGER JR. '42, last listed on our records as a prisoner of the Germans. We have just received the good news that he was liberated by American troops last April and that he, his wife, and their year-old daughter are now living in Freeland.

And now for a few paragraphs from the boys still overseas. They include SGT. EARL FEIGHT '46 who wrote to us on Christmas Day from Adak where he recalled how Christmas is celebrated on the Muhlenberg campus just before the boys go home. Just by way of contrast, Christmas weather on Adak reminded him of Easter back in the States. KENNY JONES V-44 is on an LCT in Philippine waters, serving under a commander who is an F. and M. man. We expect to beat F. and M. a second time on Saturday night, Kenny, and I hope that, with all deference to ranks, you'll let all the boys know about the record that is being piled up here at Muhlenberg. Don't, however, do too much reminiscing about football records. A belated Christmas greeting is an indication that MaM3/c WALBERT GRASLEY '34 is still out in the islands of the Pacific. Spending Christmas in Germany, CAPT. KENNY LAMBERT '39 was reminded of those Deutscher Verein carol parties through the halls of the Ad Building. In his work over there he is seeing many cases that are medically rare and adding to his experiences.

JAMES M. GOODWIN V-44 writes from Tokyo Bay where the USS HOLLAND is anchored. He saw action at Leyte and at Okinawa and can tell us at first hand about the typhoons. Out in Guam, LT. BILL GRAEBER of the V-12 group had a chance to visit with TODD STUYVESANT, ROY GARDNER, and JIM CAPEHART before they shoved off for China and also saw LT.(jg) SWEDE SWENSON '44 before he headed back to the States on the Bunker Hill. S/SGT. RALPH BAGGER '45 (note the extra stripe) is in charge of the office of the Prisoner of War Camp at Yaka, Okinawa, responsible for keeping the records of 10,500 PW's. MoMM3/c JOE IANDOLO V-44 writes from Shanghai that he has been in China for several months. He is on the USS Y.P. 287 and would like to see any Muhlenberg men in the area. Army Public Relations reports that EDGAR D. STECKEL '34 has been promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving with General Mark W. Clark's occupation forces in Austria.

LT. PAUL MERKLE '38 has just been sent to Kornwestheim, Germany, to work at one of the prisons in which they are confining members of the erstwhile enemy. CHAPLAIN JOHN BELLAN '18 missed duty on the SS MUHLENBERG VICTORY but is on a similar ship serving as transport chaplain on the SS TEXARKANA VICTORY which keeps busy bringing men home from the European theatre. To the best of our knowledge CHAPLAIN JOHN MILLER '32 is still in Italy, but we think he should be getting home soon. And Italy this winter, according to COL. FRANK BROWN '19 is both hard and dangerous.

That brings us to the bottom of the page. Each week this letter is going to a smaller and smaller group--but according to our records we still have considerably more than 1,000 men in uniform and in service. As soon as you are discharged, remember to tell us about it so that we can put you on the civilian roster again. And also, don't forget how important it is for us to have your correct address.

Best of luck to you--and hurry home for these reunions that are in the offing.

Sincerely,

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